

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Bird watching is a popular, outdoor pastime and Minnesota is a

destination for bird watchers from around the world; and

WHEREAS: Minnesotans and visitors who take part in bird watching help support

numerous jobs and make an important contribution to our economy; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota's rich biodiversity and varied habitats make it possible for bird

watchers to observe over 300 species of birds, including the Minnesota

State Bird, the Common Loon; and

WHEREAS: Minnesotans recognize the importance of bird watching in promoting

outdoor recreation, creating and sustaining interest in protecting biodiversity, and contributing to local economies across the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 31, 2012, as:

CELEBRATE MINNESOTA'S BIRDS DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 25th day of May.

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SECRETARY OF STATE